

August 12

Song of the
Three Children 1:1-7
**Humility While
in the Fire**



¹ Then Azarias stood up and prayed on this manner, and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire, said,

² Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised, and glorified for evermore.

³ For thou art righteous in all the things that thou haft done to us: yea, true are all thy works: thy ways are right, and all thy judgments truth.

⁴ In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and

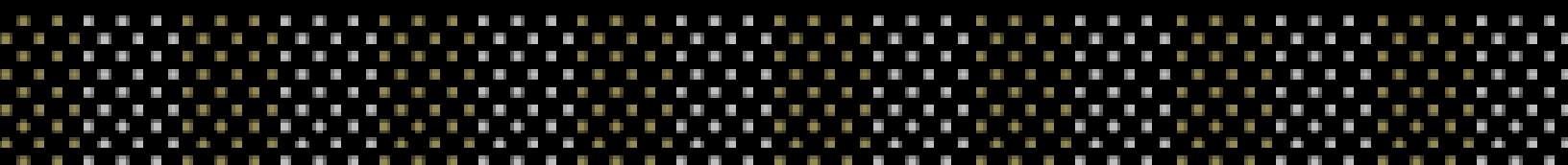
upon the holy city of our
fathers, even Jerusalem, thou
hast executed true judgment:
for according to truth and
judgment, didst thou bring
all these things upon us,
because of our sins.

⁵ For we have sinned and
committed iniquity,
departing from thee.

⁶ In all things have we
trespassed, and not obeyed
thy commandments, nor kept
them, neither done as thou
hast commanded us, that it

might go well with us.

⁷ Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and everything that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment.



Though having
done nothing
personally,
Azarias accepted
responsibility for
the wicked ways
of his people.

He accepted his
possible resulting
fate with a
dignified yet
honest humility.

He acknowledged
God's righteous
judgment.

He exhibited this
true meekness,
not in hopes of
escaping the fire,
nor after having
escaped it, but
rather IN THE
MIDST of
the FIRE.

He blessed,
praised, and
glorified God
even while going
through literal fire.

We, true Followers
of Christ, have a
clear example of
how to think, speak,
and act when we
find ourselves in
the various fiery

furnaces of life.